

## REMARKS

### Amendments to the Claims

The above-identified application has been allowed.

The present amendment of claim 2 changes "comprise" into --comprises-- to correct the grammar.

The present amendment of claim 18 changes "a non-reacting metal layer" to--the non-reacting metal layer --for providing proper antecedent basis.

The present amendment of claim 24 changes "non-reacting silicon" to --non-reacting metal layer--for providing proper antecedent basis.

The present amendment of claim 26 changes "the capping nitride layer" to --the capping insulation layer--for providing proper antecedent basis.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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